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SETTING UP OF DEFENCE PROCUREMENT BOARD
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up a Defence Procurement Board to bring transparency in Defence deals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Board has started its functioning;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the other measures being taken by the Government to bring transparency in defence deals in future and to accelerate procurement of arms?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Government have set up a Defence Procurement Board (DPB) to bring about a higher degree of professionalism, operational efficiency, cost effectiveness and co-ordination in defence acquisitions. The Board is chaired by the Defence Secretary and has senior level representation from all Departments and Service Headquarters of the Ministry.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Orders have been issued, in consultation with CVC and C&AG for mandatory and time-bound scrutiny of all major procurement cases. The role of authorized Indian representatives/agents of foreign suppliers has been defined and a system of registration laid down. This is available on the Ministry`s website. In addition, it is the Ministry`s constant endeavour to simplify the acquisition process.